

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate passed H.R. 2112, Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Justice, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6931–S7012

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1770–1778, S.J. Res. 29, and S. Res. 308. **Page S7005**

Measures Passed:

Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Justice, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Programs Appropriations Act: By 69 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 194), Senate passed H.R. 2112, making consolidated appropriations for the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Justice, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, as amended, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Durbin Amendment No. 921 (to the title of the bill), to amend the title. **Page S6979**

Rejected:

By 13 yeas to 85 nays (Vote No. 189), Coburn Amendment No. 800 (to Amendment No. 738), to reduce funding for the Rural Development Agency.

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By 38 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 190), Paul Amendment No. 821 (to Amendment No. 738), to reallocate 10 percent of the amounts appropriated for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure from transportation enhancement activities to the highway bridge program. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 20, 2011, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S6933–34**

By 44 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 191), Blunt (for DeMint) Amendment No 763 (to Amendment No.

738), to prohibit the use of funds to implement regulations regarding the removal of essential-use designation for epinephrine used in oral pressurized metered-dose inhalers. **Page S6934**

By 41 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 192), Coburn Amendment No. 801 (to Amendment No. 738), to eliminate funding for the Small Community Air Service Development Program. **Page S6936**

By 39 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 193), Lee Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the Senate with reductions in spending in each division required to bring the overall spending for the division to fiscal year 2011 levels which shall not exceed \$130,559,669,000 for division A (Ag), \$58,786,478,000 for division B (CJS), and \$55,368,096,000 for division C (THUD). **Pages S6936–37**

Withdrawn:

Crapo Amendment No. 814 (to Amendment No. 738), to provide for the orderly implementation of the provisions of title VII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

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Coburn Amendment No. 794 (to Amendment No. 738), to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost of, performance by, and areas for improvements for Government programs. **Page S6937**

Coburn Amendment No. 795 (to Amendment No. 738), to collect more than \$500,000,000 from developers for failed, botched, and abandoned projects. **Page S6937**

Coburn Amendment No. 797 (to Amendment No. 738), to delay or cancel new construction, purchasing, leasing, and renovation of Federal buildings and office space. **Page S6937**

Coburn Amendment No. 799 (to Amendment No. 738), to prohibit the use of funds to carry out the Rural Energy for America Program. **Page S6937**

Coburn Amendment No. 833 (to Amendment No. 738), to end the outdated direct payment program and to begin restoring the farm safety net as a true risk management tool. **Page S6937**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Chair sustained a point of order that Blunt (for DeMint) Amendment No 764 (to Amendment No. 738), to eliminate a certain increase in funding, was not germane, and the amendment thus fell.

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Subsequently the motion to invoke cloture on the bill was rendered moot.

Drive Safer Sunday: Senate agreed to S. Res. 308, designating November 27, 2011, as “Drive Safer Sunday”. **Page S7010**

Measures Considered:

Rebuild America Jobs Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1769, to put workers back on the job while rebuilding and modernizing America.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, November 3, 2011.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 2, 2011.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency relative to the actions and policies of the Government of Sudan as declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–31) **Page S7003**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Patricia M. Loui, of Hawaii, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2015.

Larry W. Walther, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank

of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2013. **Pages S7010, S7012**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Thomas Hoenig, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for a term of six years.

Rebecca M. Blank, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

Ajit Varadaraj Pai, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2011.

Jessica Rosenworcel, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2010.

Larry Leon Palmer, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Coral Wong Pietsch, of Hawaii, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for the term of fifteen years.

Michael A. Sheehan, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Thomas Hoenig, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for a term expiring December 12, 2015, which was sent to the Senate on October 20, 2011.

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Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Executive Communications: **Pages S7003–05**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S7005–07**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S7000–03**

Amendments Submitted: **Page S7009**

Notices of Hearings/Meetings: **Page S7009**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S7009**

Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—194) **Pages S6933–34, S6936–37**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:57 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 2, 2011. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S7010.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CHINA'S ROLE IN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine China's role in Africa, focusing on implications for United States policy, after receiving testimony from David H. Shinn, George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs, Deborah Brautigam, American University School of International Service, and Stephen Hayes, Corporate Council on Africa, all of Washington, D.C.

COMBATING INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism concluded a hearing to examine combating international organized crime, focusing on evaluating current authorities, tools, and resources, after receiving testimony from Lanny A. Breuer, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Daniel L. Glaser, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorist Financing; and Kumar C. Kibble, Deputy Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 3286–3305 and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 450–452 were introduced. **Pages H7206–07**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7208–09**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Campbell to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7167**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:02 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H7167**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:12 p.m. and reconvened at 4:48 p.m. **Pages H7168–69**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Reaffirming "In God We Trust" as the official motto of the United States: H. Con. Res. 13, to reaffirm "In God We Trust" as the official motto of the United States and to support and encourage the public display of the national motto in all public buildings, public schools, and other government institutions, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 396 yeas to 9 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 816;

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Wireless Tax Fairness Act of 2011: H.R. 1002, amended, to restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property; and

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Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011: S. 1280, to amend the Peace Corps Act

to require sexual assault risk-reduction and response training, the development of sexual assault protocol and guidelines, the establishment of victims advocates, and the establishment of a Sexual Assault Advisory Council, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 406 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 817.

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Directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a correction in the enrollment of S. 1280: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 31, to direct the Secretary of the Senate to make a correction in the enrollment of S. 1280. **Page H7185**

Recess: The House recessed at 6:06 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Pages H7168–69**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to Sudan is to continue in effect beyond November 3, 2011—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–69). **Page H7168**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H7168.

Senate Referrals: S. 1637 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7186, H7187. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:45 p.m.